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HONG KONG FOR RSS KNAUF

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TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF RSO TO MANILA

REF: (A) BEIRUT 3146, (B) STATE 169413

1. REFERENCES INDICATE THERE WILL BE A TWO-MONTH GAP BETWEEN DEPARTURE RSO COUGHLIN AND ARRIVAL REPLACEMENT O'BRIEN. DURING THIS PERIOD ARSO LECKER, WHO ARRIVED JULY 8, WILL BE AT POST ALONE.

2. POST HAS EVERY CONFIDENCE IN ABILITY ARSO LECKER TO LEARN RSO DUTIES DURING HIS FIRST EMBASSY ASSIGNMENT. WE FEEL, HOWEVER, THAT IT IS NOT FAIR TO LECKER NOR TO THE POST TO EXPECT HIM TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY AS RSO ONE MONTH AFTER ARRIVAL, GIVEN PREVAILING POLITICAL SITUATION AND THE RECENT HISTORY OF DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE EMBASSY. THE SITUATION IS FURTHER COMPLICATED BY THE CHANGE-OVER IN PERSONNEL WHO WOULD NORMALLY HAVE MORE EXPERIENCE IN OVERSEEING OVERALL POST SECURITY PROGRAM AT MANILA. DURING THE MONTHS OF JUNE AND JULY THE RSO OFFICE HAS CONDUCTED FOUR MAJOR CONDUCT AND MALFEASANCE CASES. THERE ARE SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN THE MARINE

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SECURITY GUARD DETACHMENT INVOLVING THE PROSPECTIVE RELIEF OF THE NCOIC. TWO COMPROMISES OF CLASSIFIED MATERIAL ARE BEING INVESTIGATED. ONE SENSITIVE PERSONNEL INVESTIGATION HAS JUST BEGUN. ALL OF THE FOREGOING ARE UNUSUAL, NOT ROUTINE IN NATURE AND REQUIRE CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE IN AN SY PROGRAM AT AN OVERSEAS POST.

3. THIS PROBLEM HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH RSS HONG KONG WHO CONCURS THAT THE SY PROGRAM AT THIS POST REQUIRES TWO OFFICERS AND THAT MANILA REQUIRES RELIEF FROM THE PROPOSED TWO-MONTH GAP.

4. WE DO NOT WISH TO ASK RSO COUGHLIN TO DELAY HIS DEPARTURE. HE HAS THREE SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN AND WILL NEED TIME TO FIND A PLACE TO LIVE BEFORE ASSUMING HIS NEW ASSIGNMENT IN WASHINGTON.

5. ADVISE. MURPHY

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